



MOCKTAIL & HERBS CLASS

The MPFB Foundation stirred excitement with a delightful Mocktails & Herbs Class on Friday, August 21st! A heartfelt salute to Hanna from Menu 309, Eureka, and the vibrant duo, Beth Ann McKee and Katharine Girone, for transforming this gathering into a splendid blend of fun and flair! Our gratitude extends to all participants; these enchanting events flourish because of you! All proceeds went to the MPFB Foundation!



USDOT MOTUS AND MCS-150 UPDATES

In April, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) mailed letters to motor carriers and farmers with USDOT numbers asking them to verify their information in the online USDOT Portal by May 14. That information was then intended to transfer automatically into the new MOTUS USDOT Registration System, which is now the platform for completing the required biennial MCS-150 updates for USDOT numbers.

As part of this transition, many motor carriers discovered that their previous USDOT Portal accounts were disabled or archived due to inactivity, creating access issues for some users.

CURRENT FMCSA GUIDANCE:

FMCSA officials have acknowledged that technical issues remain within the new MOTUS system and are recommending that motor carriers avoid using the system unless changes to their USDOT record are operationally necessary.

Specifically:

- If your company does not need to make changes to its USDOT record, you are advised to stay out of the MOTUS system for now.
- If your MCS-150 biennial update is due but no

changes are needed, you will not be penalized for delaying the update during this period.

- Law enforcement agencies have been instructed not to issue citations related to MOTUS registration, and USDOT numbers will not be deactivated for noncompliance while these system issues are addressed.

Please reach out to Tiffany if you have questions or need assistance by calling the office at 309-364-2501 or emailing her at manager@mpfarmbureau.org.

WETLAND DETERMINATION

The U.S. Ag Department confirmed that wetland determinations made after 1990 are properly certified through an interim final rule by the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This rule, effective immediately but open for comments until Sept. 28, aims to address past inconsistencies in certification. It states that any wetland determination issued post-November 28, 1990, is considered certified if the producer was notified and given appeal rights.

Farmers depend on these certified determinations for decisions affecting USDA program eligibility, including loans and insurance. The rule follows a 2024 Supreme Court

decision stating that NRCS had violated the Administrative Procedure Act by altering certification policies without proper justification. The court found that NRCS had shifted to a more lenient approach regarding prior determinations, which led to confusion about their status.

The interim rule ensures farmers can confidently make land use decisions without jeopardizing their eligibility for USDA programs, as long as the area is not classified as wetland. NRCS Chief Colton L. Buckley emphasized the importance of providing regulatory certainty to empower farmers and landowners in managing their land effectively

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DISTRICT 1 VOTING MEMBERS



District 1 Board Members are up for re-election, this includes the following townships: Senachwine, Granville, Hennepin, and Magnolia.

Any farmer/landowner can seek nomination as a Farm Bureau Director for a 3-year term (November 2026 - November 2029).

To be nominated, members must file a petition signed by at least 5 voting members from their district at

the Farm Bureau office, at least 45 days before the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2026. Therefore, petitions must be submitted by October 2, 2026 and are available at the office in Henry or can be emailed/mailed.

The board will notify members of qualified candidates and provide ballots for voting.